

**ABSTRACTING LINKS TO ELECTRONIC RESOURCES IN A NETWORK  
ENVIRONMENT**

**Abstract**

5       A procedure for preparing electronic resources for delivery to client computers is  
disclosed. When rendered on a browser for display, the electronic resources (e.g., web pages)  
include a reference link to another electronic resource. In response to receiving a request for  
delivery of a specific resource to a client computer, a server computer retrieves the resource from  
storage and examines the resource to locate any link identifiers contained therein. If a link  
10       identifier is detected, the network address corresponding to this link identifier is identified by the  
server and incorporated into the requested electronic resource in place of the link identifier. The  
prepared resource is then delivered to the client computer for rendering on a browser.